been institutionalised through ths ICDS infrastructure. Programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented to project positive images of girl children so as to bring about changes in socistal attitudes towards them.

_UN_ Report on child abuse

670. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNA?^: WiH the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a new United Nations report on child abuse mentioning tbat young children from India are still being sold as jockeys for camel racing in the Gulf States or as young bridfs to older men in Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if 30; how Government propose to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRi SITARAM KESRI); (a) Yes, Sir. Attention of the Government has been drawn to the Interim Report submitted by the Special Rapportour on Sale of Child Prostitution and Child Pornography appointed by the UN Commission on Human Rights. The Report, inter-alia, touches all issues such as forms $_0$f child abuse, e.g. abduction, child jockeys for camel' racing and child brides being mar ried to older mem from the Gulf States. etc. The Report deals with these issues and problems in the regional (irospeciivt and refers to the situation in other countries as well."

fb) Government have already taken neeessary sfep$_s$ to sensitise officers of the Police Department to take immediate legal action whenever such incident comes, to their notice. In order to check this practice. immigration au 'loritics have been directed to be more vigilant while scrutinizing the travel documents of ihe persons (including Indians) accom panying such minor children and/or mi-noi brides at the immigration check points. ,

Source of livelihood of tribals

671. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main source of livelihood of the tribals in Tribal Sub Plan area;

(b) the thrust area identified in the Eight Plan to increase their income an'! oew "venues of employment to the tribals; and

(c) the total amount proposed to be spent during the Eighth Five Year Plan period on Human Resource Developmen'. through education and vocational/craft'-man training to improve the skills of the Tribals?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI); (a) Thi main sources of livelihood of tribals in Tribal Sub-Plan area vary from region t< legion and differ within communities of tribal groups in India. But, generally they depend mainly on agriculture and related activities including agricultural labour and collection of minor forest pro duce. Tlie income of tribals also cornea through handicrafts, leaf plate making, bee-keeping and weaving etc.

(b) The thrust areas identified larc taking up family orienied beneficiary programmes through raising productivity level of the beneficiary families in the field of agdiculture horiticulture, animal husbandary and small industries etc, voca. tional training for self-emnloyment, procurement and marketing of Surplus Agricultural Produce and Minor Forest Pre duce and Employment Assurance Schema etc.

(c) The total amount proposed to b • spent by this Ministry on Human Resource Development through education and vocational/craftsman training to improve the skills of tribals is Rs. 60 crores besides Rs. 337.60 crores under schemes for Post-Matric Scholarship, Book Banks and Upgradation of Merit of student-which are both for SC/ST students.

Meeting on Children's Welfare

672. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICCW (Indian Council for Child Welfare) recently organised